

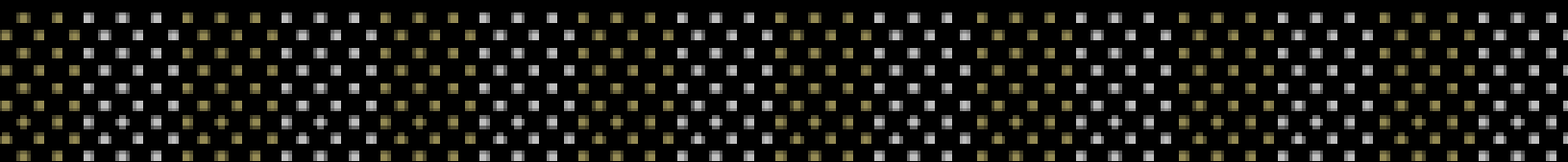
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James 1:27

What *KIND*
of Religion?



**Pure religion and
undefiled before
God and the Father
is this, To visit the
fatherless and
widows in their
affliction, and to
keep himself
unspotted from
the world.**



Some believe they have religion because they attend church services.

Others say they are religious because they were baptized or because of their family connections or because they pay tithes, visit other countries, or for various other reasons.

Nonetheless, what is God-honored religion?

What 'kind' of religion is "good religion? The question was asked in the lyrics of a classic spiritual, "Have you got good religion"? The song's response was, "Certainly. Certainly. Certainly, Lord."

Scripture defines PURE religion as being "undefiled". It is not corrupted and it is not

polluted. Further, pure religion, according to Scripture has specific criteria.

Those with pure religion **will:**

1) help those who are down-trodden, ignored, hurting, and helpless

2) keep themselves

“unspotted from
the world”.

They accept
responsibility over their
own lives rather than
placing it on anyone
else to make sure they
fight to get, be, and stay
in a way that is pleasing
to God. They don't
make parents, church
leaders, or spouses

responsible for their
actions or
consequences.

Despite all worldly
opposition, and there
is plenty, those who,
at least PURSUE pure
religion, make it a
lifelong goal to
practice the two great
commandments. That
is, to love the lord with

all heart, soul, mind,
and might (keeping
oneself unspotted from
the world) and to love
neighbor as self
(visiting the fatherless
and widows in their
affliction).

That's the kind of
religion which is
“undefiled before
God and the Father”.